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FREE Computer Recycling Event

On Saturday, October 16, 2004 at the Reno Hilton, the Environmental Health & Safety Department (EH&S) of the University of Nevada, Reno held a free computer recycling event. The event was conducted in partnership with a number of civic-minded organizations that together offered a FREE computer recycling to the residents of the Truckee Meadows and neighboring communities.

Event partners included the Clean & Green Campaign, the America Recycles Day and Disability Resources. The latter is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting Washoe County residents with disabilities and their care givers.

The partners accepted the electronic equipment that remained viable for reuse and refurbishment; the equipment was accepted by the New-To-You Computers program. The remaining electronic equipment collected was sent to Global Investment Recovery, Inc. in Sparks for processing and recycling.

Accepted items included any computer-related equipment - computers, computer monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, toner cartridges and other peripherals. Also accepted were televisions (except consoles), copiers, cell phones, batteries, and other household electronics. **The event collected some 201,777 pounds of waste electronics!**

If you were unable to take advantage of this event, you can contact the [New-To-You Computers program at the Disability Resources](#) (775)329-1126 or [Global Investment Recovery, Inc.](#) 800-884-2275 for your old computer donation or recycling.

Sponsors: EH&S of the University of Nevada, Reno; Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Washoe County School District; Washoe County District Health Department; Reno Hilton; Sierra Pacific Power Company, Disability Resources, Reno Clean & Green, and UNR's - Information Technology, ASUN, Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, and Facilities Services.

Associate Sponsors: Clean Harbors, Desert Research Institute, Truckee Meadows Community College, APL Logistics, City of Reno, NevadaMax, Realife Marketing, Environmental Leadership, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Port of Subs, Krispy Kreme, and Starbucks.

Readers Note: In the photos below, you will notice the smokey sky from area fires. Even this did not deter the efforts of these wonderful people who worked diligently for a worthy cause.



Left Photo: The volunteers were able to recharge their engines thanks to the generous donations of food and refreshments by Krispy Kreme, Port of Subs, and Starbucks.



Right Photo: NDEP's Public Information Officer (PIO) Cindy Petterson building boxes to put recycle products in. It was amazing how many of these huge boxes were filled!



Left Photo: NDEP's Recycling Coordinator David Friedman and Recycling Program Assistant Amy Giffin discuss their next moves.



Right Photo: Bureau Chief Dave Emme (NDEP) hauls used equipment to a better location for recycling.



Left Photo: NDEP's Database Administrator Jeff Ferrel adds an old printer to the already tall pile.



Right Photo: As the pile begins to lean, other volunteers join in to help keep the stack from falling. Such Teamwork!!



Left Photo: Dave Emme and Cindy Petterson restacking monitors on a pallet so they can be wrapped and shipped off.



Right Photo: After many hours of hard work, Dave Friedman allows himself to walk over for a much deserved drink of water. Just look at all the used equipment in the background!



Left Photo: Jeff Ferrel and another worker inspect some equipment. Everything must be packed and shipped in the safest manner possible, so no one gets hurt and the equipment can be reused.



Right Photo: One of the many workers wraps a pallet of monitors for shipping. The wrapping material must be stretched as it is wrapped around and around, which can result in the person getting dizzy! It's not as easy as it looks but these great volunteers did not give up!



Left Photo: Vehicle after vehicle arrived with equipment. The staff and volunteers were relentless in their efforts to quickly unload each and every one of them.



Right Photo: Without complaint, boxes and pallets were filled nonstop by selfless volunteers determined to improve their environment and help local charity.



Left Photo: This forklift saved the backs of many by lifting the pallets into the big trucks. This was definitely a big help!



Right Photo: Without the Recycling Coordinator's favorite trash compactor, Dave Friedman takes it upon himself to compact the broken-down boxes by jumping up and down on top of them to make room for more. There is no room for wasted space when recycling!



Left Photo: This patriotic worker, Jason Geddes of UNR EH&S, brought his family and travel trailer to the volunteer station to make it a family event. He remained all smiles while unloading this truck full of computers.

Right Photo: Woody Wright of UNR EH & S stands as a conqueror among his treasure of vanquished computers and electronic waste. Over 100 tons in all off to be recycled and reborn into new and useful products.

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